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This testimony is in reference to House Bill Number 6032, An Act Clarifying Provisions of the General Statutes Concerning the use of Barrier Systems for Certain Plantings.

As an industry professional, I have observed and worked with running bamboo (*Phyllostachys* sp.) in production as well as in the landscape, and have controlled them effectively in both situations.

There is simply no way that any plant root can grow through a 60 mil (approximate thickness of two credit cards) barrier correctly installed. There is not a cold hardy plant that can do so. A credentialed member of industry or academia would substantiate that claim.

Regardless of distance from a property line, running bamboo without containment is dangerous unless an appropriately trained professional (one who has a DEEP issued 3-A Custom Grounds License) is applying the correct controls at the right time to maintain a perimeter. Given the amount of variables in that situation, I feel it is best to use the existing legislation requiring a barrier to be installed when the plant is in proximity of a property time.

Thank you for your time and consideration during this busy legislative session. I am always available for questions or comments should my expertise be required.

Sincerely,

Darryl Newman

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